

WASHINGTON CITY:  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1864.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

## IMPORTANT FROM THE FRONT!

## The Movement Across the Rapidan

## Our Cavalry Operating in the Rear

## of Lee's Army!

## Custar's Cavalry Have a Fight at

## Standardsville.

## Kilpatrick Reported Within 20

## Miles of Richmond!!

NEW YORK, March 2.—The Tribune's special Washington dispatch says that columns of cavalry, under Kilpatrick and Custar, are operating on the flanks of Lee's army. The latter is said to have had an engagement yesterday morning at Standardsville, while we hear of Kilpatrick at Spotsylvania Court House, and, rather inconsistently, within twenty miles of Richmond, on another road.

## PRICE OF GOLD.

[By the People's Telegraph Lines.]  
New York, March 2.—9.30 a. m., gold, 59 1/2; p. m., gold, 59 1/2.

## FROM CHATTANOOGA.

Highly Important Report.—Gen. Thomas Advancing on the Enemy.

CINCINNATI, March 1.—It is reported that the army of General Thomas has advanced on the enemy at Dalton, from Tunnel Hill.

It is stated in special dispatches received here that General Thomas has been reinforced by considerable numbers of men.

If this is correct, a severe engagement will inevitably take place very soon.

## THE DRAFT TO BEGIN MARCH 10.

ALBANY, March 1.—The following dispatch has been received:

"To Mr. Townsend, Assistant Marshal:

"Be fully prepared to commence the draft on the 10th of March, and to make it in every district which shall not have raised its quota before March 1st.

"Volunteers between March 1st and the 10th may be deducted after the draft commences.

"Make this known to the Governor.

"JAMES B. FRY, Provost Marshal Gen'l."

## New York Municipal Elections.

TROY, March 1.—At the municipal elections held to-day a large vote was polled. The Democrats elected their candidate for Mayor by seven hundred majority. Sixty of the Democrats are Democrats and the whole Democratic ticket was elected by an increase of six hundred over the majority of last year.

LOCKPORT, March 1.—The entire Democratic ticket was elected to-day by about one hundred and fifty majority.

YONKERS, March 1.—The Democratic ticket for officers has been elected by about one hundred majority.

ELIZABETH, March 1.—At the charter election to-day, George M. Chain, Union, was elected by 71 majority, with the whole Union ticket except one trustee. The Union gain is 150.

NEWARK, March 1.—At the charter election to-day, Mayor Grant, Democrat, was elected by 50 majority. The Democrats elected three aldermen and two supervisors, and the Union men one alderman and two supervisors.

## Capture of a Notorious Guerrilla—Seizure of Gold, etc.

LOUISVILLE, March 1.—The notorious rebel guerrilla, Col. Richardson, was captured on Sunday south of Cumberland River, below Burkbird, by a detachment of Col. Weatherford's cavalry.

W. W. Gregory, who was sentenced for harboring and concealing rebel soldiers, took advantage of the amnesty proclamation, and was discharged.

Ten thousand dollars in gold, in transit from Cincinnati to Tennessee, was seized last night, being sent in contravention to the non-intercourse regulations.

## Extraordinary Proceedings of French Legislature.

PARIS, Feb. 29.—[New York World Dispatch].—Highly important news has reached the Navy Department from our Pacific squadron, to the effect that during the latter part of January two French frigates were captured by the port of Acapulco, Mexico, the sailing station for San Francisco and Panama steamers, and proceeded to overhaul things generally, threatening to bombard the town. If resistance was offered, they examined all the American vessels in port, and caused much consternation among other neutrals. The affair is regarded as very strange, and has excited much commotion, and may lead to considerable trouble.

## Great Fire in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—The Golden State has arrived from Panama.

The entire business portion of Downville, Sierra county, was burned last night. The fire commenced in the centre of the town, and spread with such rapidity that little property was saved. The loss is about \$200,000, which there is very little insurance. The contents of several cellars which were believed to be fire-proof were destroyed. But three large houses, and well known buildings, escaped destruction. Both newspaper establishments were consumed.

## New York's Quota.

ALBANY, March 1.—The commission appointed by the Secretary of War for determining upon the equities of the enrollment in this State, have come to the unanimous conclusion that the enrollment was not excessive, and that the quota of the State be reduced from 60,000 to 50,000, with corresponding reduction under the call of February 1, 1864.

## Death of a Prominent Democrat.

BOSTON, Feb. 29.—Paul R. George, formerly pay agent in New York under Tyler's administration, and well known Democrat, politician of New Hampshire, died on Saturday.

## THE SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN ACT.—The bill supplementary to the Loan Act having passed both Houses, now only awaits the President's approval to become a law. It is the same as published, with the addition that the coupon or registered bonds for the two hundred million loan, redeemable at the pleasure of the Government after any period not less than five years, and payable at any period not more than forty years from date, are to be paid in cash.

It is understood to be the purpose of the Government to issue 5 per cent. bonds, payable in forty years, but redeemable at the pleasure of the Government after ten years, the principal and interest to be paid in gold. No doubt is entertained that the bonds can be readily placed at par. The plates will be immediately engraved.

## MAJOR GENERAL GRANT APPOINTED LIEUTENANT GENERAL.

The President by Message informed the House yesterday that he had approved the bill, and shortly after the nomination of General Grant for Lieutenant General, which was sent to the Senate yesterday, was referred to the Military Committee, according to the usage in affairs relating to the army.

## AN APPEAL FROM THE REGULARS.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 23, 1864. Editor Star.—Will you give room for a few words from a "common soldier?" I wish to speak on a subject of considerable importance to a large number of men in the regular army.

Men enlisted in the regular army prior to July 1st, 1861, are not allowed any bounty, and this is an injustice, inasmuch as they are entitled to an acknowledgment of an overlook on the part of Congress. I would like to know if you have any reasons why they should be allowed the \$100 bounty, and leave the public to judge of the justice of the case, when they are told that regular soldiers are not allowed any bounty.

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